

ing of killing their children, or of giving dead bodies to their children to mutilate. The old and sick, even one's own parents, were strangled. Ships were launched over rollers made of living bodies. Truth, purity and honor were to them an unknown quantity.

Missions among the Islands of the Pacific are pre-eminent for the number of martyrs and for the magnificent courage with which these heroes have met their death. Of one, it was beautifully said by his biographer, "I have now finished the twenty-ninth chapter of the Acts of the Apostles."

The Chicago Mission.

I will resume my letters Oct. 1. I desire to say that while our work has been graciously endorsed, the Conference Board has failed to make any plan as yet for our help during the coming year, turning us over to God and the Church. We have faith to believe that all will be well and God will continue to save, heal and provide.

Several mistakes were made in our report which will be rectified in our next. Pray for our success.

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PRAYER MEETING TOPICS.

PSALM XCI.

Subject: "A Dweller With God."

I. First 13 verses spoken by the Psalmist. Last three verses, the words of the Lord, to "Abide under the shadow of the the Almighty" means to make the Lord our "refuge," "fortress," "God," and the one whom we trust. See verse 2.

II. *Results of a Life Hid with Christ in God.*

a. (v. 1) Lodging in the protection of the Almighty. Jno. 10: 29.

b. (v. 3) Deliverance from the snares of Satan and his injuries. I Cor. 10: 1.

c. (v. 4) Protection and trust under God's wings of mercy.

d. (v. 4) Defense by God's truth. II Cor. 13: 8; Jno. 8: 32.

e. (v. 5) Fearlessness in the presence of dangers both physical and spiritual in both day and night. Ps. 74: 16; Heb. 13: 5.

f. (v. 7) Safety, when others fall who are not trusting God. Ps. 37: 35-36.

g. (v. 10) Guardianship of the angels. Heb. 1: 14. Verses 11 and 12 were used by the devil in tempting Christ.

h. Immunity from evils and plagues.

Rom. 8: 28. Cause: (v. 10) He made the Lord his habitation. Jno. 15: 7.

i. (v. 13) Power over ravenous beasts and poisonous reptiles. Mark 16: 18; Acts 28: 3-6.

j. Deliverance, in return for love set on God.

k. Exaltation, in return for knowledge of God's name. Jas. 4: 10.

l. Answer to prayer.

m. God's presence in trouble.

n. Honour. I Sam 2: 30; Jno. 12: 26.

o. Long life. Isa. 65: 20.

p. Salvation.

Thus the Lord does 16 different things of blessing in return for our love and devotion. Yet some people will ask if God loves his creatures!

Select your favorite verse in this Psalm.

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Church News.

To the Churches of the Illiokota District.

Having been chosen by our recent district conference as evangelist for the district, and as you will expect for me to take up the work as soon as possible, even already letters have reached me, "asking me to come and hold a series of meetings." I feel constrained to make some statements which I think are important for our churches to bear in mind.

First I shall try to do the work of an evangelist. (See Titus 1: 5; II Tim. 4: 1-5.) And that I may do this, I earnestly ask your prayers and co-operation. I earnestly ask every member of the church to read carefully the paper read by me before our district conference, and which will be printed in the EVANGELIST. In that paper I have stated briefly among other things, the duties of an evangelist, as they are set forth in the gospel.

THE WORK OF AN EVANGELIST.

First I will state what is *not* the work of an evangelist. It is not the work of an evangelist to go and hold revival meetings, make converts and then go away and leave them to the wolves, as has been done in some cases. It is *not* the work of an evangelist to go into a place and gather in new converts, and go off and leave them uninstructed and without an instructor.

Second, I will try to state what is the work of an evangelist. First, it is his duty to preach the word, show himself approved of God, *a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.* II Tim. 2: 14-16. Second, it is his duty to ordain elders, pastors, in all the churches, and set in order those things that are wanting. Titus 1: 5-10. Now

by the help of the Lord, and your forbearance and your prayers, I will try to do those things, for I am persuaded that we have suffered as a church in not following the gospel in this regard. For many of our churches have not pastors, and the work of the revivalist, has in many cases been lost, and also many souls perhaps, on account of what "was lacking." Now, as an evangelist, I believe it is my first duty to try to supply what is lacking in the way of pastors, and to do this, I shall try to find pastors for those churches who have none. I am already in correspondence with some ministers who can take charges and some churches who want pastors, and I wish to open up correspondence with those churches who want pastors, and I will help them to the utmost of my power to obtain pastors, and to find suitable pastors for the places.

I believe that this is more necessary just now than revivals, and then when we have the revivals, we will be prepared to care for the results the Lord may place in our charge.

In this work I hope to have the earnest help of the churches of the district. The work is the Lord's, and we must be material ready to his hand, and let him make of us just what pleaseth him. Let nothing be done simply for policy, but what we do, let us do it because it is right to do it, and the results will be just what the Lord would have them.

It is not expected that I as evangelist should give all my time to the work of holding revivals, for the district does not feel able to keep an evangelist in the field, and at the same time take care of our mission work. However, I think that I will be able to hold one or two revivals in some of our weak churches, but the main work will be to get pastors for such places, and better organize them for aggressive work. Just how the work may shape itself, remains to be seen, but let us earnestly ask the Heavenly Father that we may be guided by the Holy Spirit in this work.

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We aim to have two sermons each Lord's day. Brother E. Hildebrand has again, since his vacation, taken up the work at this place. Hudson church sent brother Harlin Hollis to district conference. He brought home an interesting report which was given to the church one Sunday morning, in the pastor's absence. Our Y. P. S. C. E. appointed brother John Schultz as a delegate to the Iowa State Convention. This young brother returned with new inspiration for the Master's work. The S. S. C. E. and weekly